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## **Canal Winchester Receives OPWC Funding for Thrush Drive Reconstruction**

CANAL WINCHESTER, OH –The Village of Canal Winchester has received notification that it will receive a grant and loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to fund the reconstruction of Thrush Drive. The application was prepared by Evans Mechwart Hambleton & Tilton (EMH&T) in conjunction with the Village.

The total OPWC award for Thrush Drive is \$909,792, which includes a grant of up to \$226,538 and a zero-percent interest loan for up to \$683,254.

The Thrush Drive reconstruction project will consist of full-depth reconstruction of a failing roadway, the replacement of curb and gutter infrastructure, the continuation of a multi-use path to connect to a committed future path, and the addition of street lighting. The project area will commence at the intersection of Thrush Drive and Groveport Road and extend approximately 1,800 linear feet in a southerly direction along Thrush Drive to the point at which Thrush Drive intersects Fox Hill Drive.

Thrush Drive is a collector road (main road that other roads feed into) that runs into downtown Canal Winchester. The current roadway is marked by potholes and base failure, which makes driving and plowing of the road's surface less than effective.

"The Village is excited to receive the funding to finance this vital reconstruction project," said Nanisa Osborn, Finance Director for the Village of Canal Winchester. "These much-needed improvements will enhance road services and make travel on this road safer and easier."

The formal funding agreement will be assembled and executed by early July 2008, which will allow for construction to begin in early 2009.

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